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BILL OF WRONGS

On December 15, 1991, American celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights. As Lesbian and Gay Americans, on this FOURTH OF JULY, 1994, we are reminding our fellow citizens that many of us live under a BILL OF WRONGS. Lesbians and gay men are denied fundamental rights solely on the basis of sexual orientation. In a country founded on equality and freedom, lesbians and gay men are treated as inherently unequal. Gay men and women face the following forms of legalized discrimination, amounting to a BILL OF WRONGS:

FIRST: Lesbians and gay men shall be subject to discrimination in hiring, promotions and other aspects of employment.

SECOND: Lesbians and gay men shall be subject to discrimination in housing.

THIRD: Lesbians and gay men shall not be permitted to protect their country by serving in the nation's armed forces.

FOURTH: Lesbians and gay men shall be denied the right to marry or to have their committed relationships lawfully recognized.

FIFTH: Lesbians and gay men shall be denied the right to adopt and retain custody of their own children to the same extent as heterosexuals.

SIXTH: Lesbians and gay men shall not be permitted to protect their committed partners under employee health insurance plans, and shall be denied tax benefits taken for granted by married heterosexual couples.

SEVENTH: Lesbians and gay men shall be discriminated against, and their committed relationships shall not be recognized for purpose of immigration into these United States.

EIGHTH: Artistic expressions by gay and lesbian artists shall be denied the support of public bodies and governmental institutions.

NINTH: Lesbians and gay men shall be denied the right of privacy, and shall be subject to discriminatory treatment under state and local law, and no organization or coalition that has openly gay or lesbian individuals or groups as members or affiliates shall be accorded any recognition, voice or courtesies so as to infer recognition of that organization or its gay members by any state or local government.

TENTH: Lesbians and gay men shall not be entitled to live freely and openly to the same extent as other citizens, but shall lawfully be subjected to abuse, harassment and threats of violence from anti-gay groups, public officials and private individuals.

THAT ALL PEOPLE ARE CREATED EQUAL

Chinook Fund Grant

The Chinook Fund of Colorado has awarded Ground Zero $4,000 to allow it to expand the distribution of its newsletter and to help support GZ's continuing OUT TV series that runs videos of interest once a month on Colorado Springs Cablevision Channel 9 (2nd Tuesday of Each Month.) With this grant, Ground Zero is able to expand distribution of GZ NEWS to a circulation of 2000 and increase the length of the newsletter to sixteen pages.

This is the second regular Chinook Grant received by Ground Zero. A year ago, the organization received a Chinook Grant to produce a fifteen segment radio program, broadcast nationally, entitled "DISCRIMINATION ON YOUR DOORSTEP", the best six of which are now being packaged for distribution to libraries and public radio stations.

Ground Zero was also awarded a grant last winter from The Freedom Fund, which is administered by Chinook. This was used to produce a video on coalition building based on the CURE Rally entitled TEARING DOWN THE WALLS: COALITION BUILDING IN THE NINETIES. This video is being distributed now to libraries and will be distributed to interested organizations across the state free of charge (or for donations).

The Chinook Fund's continuing support of organizations working on the grassroots level in Colorado is badly needed and greatly appreciated.

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P-FLAG Looking For All Cookie Monsters

P-FLAG needs YOUR cookies to sell at the Gay Pride rally on July 17th! We will be manning a table at Acacia Park after the march and there should be a lot of hungry marchers who know that P-FLAG moms bake absolutely divine and diversified cookies!

If you can bake one batch of cookies per week or one batch every other week between now and July 17th, together we can earn some much needed $$$ for the P-FLAG treasury. Nothing fancy, please. Chocolate chip, sugar and oatmeal are favorites and should go fast. START BAKING AND FREEZING NOW! Bring your cookies to the P-FLAG meeting on July 13 or call the GZ office for a forwarding number.

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from "Proud To Be: Daily Meditations for Lesbians and Gay Men"
by Amy E. Dean

"No government has the right to tell its citizens when or whom to love. The only queer people are those who don't love anybody." -Rita Mae Brown

There once was a television commercial that began with a close-up of an attractive actress who pleaded, "Don't hate me because I'm beautiful." What that line really communicated was: Don't dislike me because of who I am or the positive quality of beauty I have.

As a gay man or lesbian, you could speak a similar line to those who ignore you, mistreat you, reject you, abuse you, make fun of you, or discriminate against you because of your sexuality: "Don't hate me because I'm gay. Yet don't you wonder why others become so negatively charged against you and your way of life when you aren't harming them in any way?

The answer to that question can be found in the belief that hatred is a disguise worn by fear. The things people hate the most are usually the things that make them feel threatened, uncertain, anxious, or stir up bad memories. So it may not be you or even your way of life that causes you to bear the brunt of a strong emotional response.

With this in mind, today challenge someone's negative response toward you by asking, "What is it about me that scares you so much? And why can't you deal with it?"

-A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project (LGPAP) of Los Angeles, and The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). Amy Dean's wonderful pocket-sized book is available at McKinzey-White Booksellers.

You Can Help...

An Update From The Monarch House Group

By Randy J. Toddish

The Monarch House Group, Inc. is now a funded agency of the Southern Colorado AIDS Consortium, which means reimbursement from the federal Ryan White C.A.R.E. Act is now possible for our emergency rent assistance program expenses.

In order to continue participation in the consortium, Monarch House needs to build an operating fund equivalent to approximately two months' rent/mortgage subsidies. Reimbursement from the consortium takes approximately six to eight weeks, so without this operating fund, people living with HIV/AIDS may not be able to obtain the financial assistance they need.

Monarch House is asking for support in providing affordable housing options to those living with HIV/AIDS by sending your tax deductible donations of $100, $50, or whatever you feel you can afford. Upon receipt of your check, Monarch House will send you a letter of thanks, which will also serve as your tax receipt.

Your support is vital to the continuance and expansion of services Monarch House provides to the HIV community of southern Colorado.

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Drink Beer, Fight AIDS

from Newsweek, June 27,1994

If it sounds like a joke, there's a good reason--it started as one. Inspired by a "Saturday Night Live" skit about "gay" beer, **Denver attorney Mike Beery** recently created **Pink Triangle Beer**, a microbrew aimed at the homosexual market. He enlisted Iowa's **Dubuque Brewing Co.** to make the stuff, so far distributed only in a few selected markets. Wider distribution is promised soon. Pink Triangle drinkers can take comfort in knowing that they're helping others as they help their buzz--between $1 and $1.50 for each case sold is donated to AIDS charities. So far, says Dubuque's marketing director Keith Johnsen, about $5000 has been passed out. What exactly is gay beer? "[Beery] didn't hand us a recipe," says Johnsen. "He came to us with what he felt would be a popular product with the gay community. It's flavorful but light in calories."

As of press time, GZ News is attempting to locate information on a local disributor. If you have any knowledge of this beer, or where it can be purchased, please contact the Ground Zero office.

S-CAP Garage Sale

The Southern Colorado AIDS Project (S-CAP)will conduct a garage sale on Saturday, July 9 from 9 a. m. to 4 p.m. at the vacant lot on the northeast corner of Cascade and Moreno, next to Foree Wholesale Tire Distributors, 523 S. Cascade Ave.

People wishing to donate items may do so at the Colorado Springs Office beginning the afternoon of July 6. Donations of the following items are appreciated: Furniture, collectibles, sporting goods, household items, plants, tools, and anything unusual. Clothing donations are being discouraged at this time. People wishing to donate items are asked to call either Tim or Dave, 578-9092.

The Southern Colorado AIDS Project is a Pikes Peak United Way agency which provides direct support and services to HIV positive individuals and their families throughout a 24 county region in Southern Colorado.

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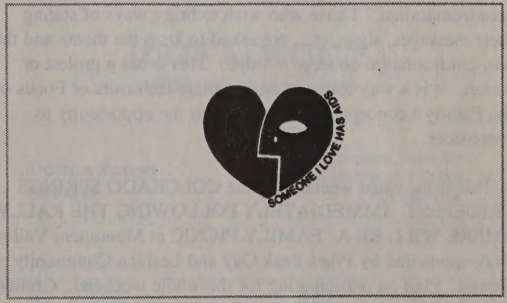
Listen to Music, Help AMFAR Cure AIDS

Liza Minnelli released a single CD late in the fall of 1993 titled "The Day After That", a song that she hopes to become an anthem for the cure for AIDS. The CD is produced by Columbia Records. In a recent television appearance on *Regis and Kathy Lee*, Ms. Minnelli said, "Every penny of profit goes to AMFAR research." She continued, "People who live in rural areas, they teach their children about guns so they won't hurt themselves, they teach them how to clean a gun, how to use a gun properly so they won't harm themselves, and it's to protect themselves, their families and their home...and we can't advertise condoms on TV...and there's something wrong...the balance seems improper." The CD is available locally through Media Play ... and is guaranteed to leave a lump in your throat.



Aids Awareness

A Message from Ground Zero's President

THE PRO FAMILY RALLY: Taking a Message to Focus

by Bob Mone

For too long, we have allowed one element to seize and hold prisoner the word "FAMILY" and we have too long allowed this element to define what makes a "FAMILY."

On Saturday July 16, 1994, Ground Zero will coordinate a rally in Colorado Springs called "THE PRO FAMILY RALLY: Taking A Message to Focus". The rally will be held in front of the Focus on the Family Building. Gay and non-gay organizations from across the state are invited to attend and help deliver the messages "WE ARE ALL FAMILY" and "LOVE MAKES A FAMILY." Participants are asked to come and bring their families to proudly hold up for the world to see.

MEL WHITE, author of "Stranger at the Gate," has a very special message to deliver to Dr. Dobson, who was among those with whom he was acquainted in the fundamentalist community and with whom he counseled. He will lead this rally and deliver the keynote. He will also deliver a personal note to Dr. Dobson.

Mr. White will be joined by Michael Bussee, founder of the EX-Gay Ministries Genesis and Exodus, and subject of the film "One Nation Under God." Now an ex-ex gay, Mr. Bussee will share with us and our friends at Focus his poignant experiences and his own message. Also in attendance will be Kermit Cole, Director of the critically acclaimed movie, Living Proof. Attempts are also under way to bring Jose Zuniga, Soldier of the Year, in a day early. He is scheduled to be Grand Marshal of the Pridefest Parade on July 17th.

As we begin to formulate the event, more local, state and, hopefully, other nationally prominent persons will have their own statements. It is hoped that they will be of all backgrounds and persuasions.

This event is meant to carry a message and is not meant to be "confrontational." Those who wish to bring ways of stating their messages, signs, etc., are asked to keep the theme and the non-confrontation concept in mind. This is not a protest or picket. It is a way for us to demonstrate the errors of Focus on the Family's concepts and to give them the opportunity to reconsider.

This is the same weekend as the COLORADO SPRINGS PRIDEFEST. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE RALLY, THERE WILL BE A "FAMILY PICNIC at Monument Valley Park sponsored by Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Plan on participating for the whole weekend. Ground Zero invites people in Colorado Springs who can house out of towners to call 719-635-6086, and invites those from out of town who need housing to do the same. We will try to connect the two.

Sacred Lies/Civil Truths to Air

As part of its continuing OUT TV Series, Ground Zero will air the Video **"SACRED LIES/CIVIL TRUTHS"** on Tuesday, July 12, 1994. The one hour presentation will appear on Colorado Spring Cablevision Channel 9 at 9 PM.

"SACRED LIES/CIVIL TRUTHS" was produced by **Testing The Limits** as an answer to the video **"THE GAY AGENDA"**, and similar enterprises, as a tool to dispute the stereotypes promoted by the Radical Right agenda. It is hard hitting, factual and truly representative of the battle that is going on all over the country.

Ground Zero views it as particularly appropriate that **"SACRED LIES/CIVIL TRUTHS"** air during **PRIDEFEST WEEK** to remind our community, and the community at large, of the battle that is continuing and, in fact, is becoming more critical day by day. The attack is on and will become more and more merciless and unrelenting as they get away with one thing after another.

The Radical Right, through such outlets as CHUCK BAKER disgrace, try to turn around what is really happening here. They will want you to think that it is us, not them, who are the hate mongers. They will try to convince you that it is you, not them, who are working to take away their civil rights. They will exclude you from every part of society and government and try to make you believe that it is your fault. They will further surround themselves in the cloak of the Prince of Peace each time you attack their political and secular positions, declaring that you are attacking their religion. Politicized fundamentalism has nothing to do with religion except that it distorts and misuses theology for worldly gains and political power. Those that use their religion in this way are a disgrace and embarrassment to every decent and devoted Christian in the country, and the city, of which there are many, thank God, than they.

Watch "SACRED LIES/CIVIL TRUTHS" on Tuesday, July 12, 1994 at 9 PM on Colorado Springs Cablevision Channel 9. Be informed. Arm yourselves with the facts.

When those who truly adhere to and follow the words of Christ are fed up enough, they will cast the money changers and defilers out of the temple just as Jesus did.

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Worship Time Sunday, 5:00 PM
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CLOSE THE DOOR, THEY'RE COMING IN THE WINDOWS

Special to Ground Zero from the Colorado ACLU
by NANCY SOLOMON and JIM JOY

Barry Arrington seems to think it is his God-given duty to make sure the government gets to limit what adult Coloradans can read, see and hear. Arrington, the self appointed censorship czar of Colorado, is a lawyer whose billboards around Denver urge people who "have been harmed by abortion" to call him. He's also the Republican candidate for State Senate District 20.

Arrington claims our state's robust protection of free speech has turned Colorado into a major distributor of child pornography. We asked Arrington what these claims are based on. We're still waiting for a response.

Arrington and his colleagues tried hard to convince the last two sessions of the Colorado Legislature to tack a censorship amendment onto the state constitution. The legislature rejected the measure both times.

The District Attorneys' Association refused to back Arrington's amendment. The ACLU of Colorado and some of our friends--including the League of Women Voters, Planned Parenthood and the Colorado Library Association--lobbied against it.

Arrington is nothing if not determined. To his credit, he launched a successful petition drive that will put the amendment to a vote of the people this November.

On the face of it, the ballot initiative seems benign. It says that Colorado should judge obscenity by the same standards used by the U. S. Supreme Court.

That would be okay if the U. S. Supreme Court had the same respect for Free Speech that we do in Colorado. Unfortunately, it doesn't. Colorado is head and shoulders above the national government in our protection of free speech.

Arrington claims that our state's respect for free speech makes obscenity impossible to prosecute in Colorado. If that were true, don't you think at least one law enforcement group in Colorado would have backed the amendment? In spite of Arrington's claims to the contrary, Colorado is perfectly able to prosecute obscenity on the basis of "current community standards of tolerance."

So what is this amendment really about?

Arrington's amendment would restrict what Coloradans can read, see and hear. To make matters worse, under Arrington's amendment, the governing body of every town and hamlet would get to decide what's offensive or not.

This is a direct assault on the first Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

The Founders of our nation had little faith in a governmen-t's ability to resist outlawing anything that might offend someone in some way. They wanted it to be extremely difficult for the government to ban whatever it finds objectionable. They understood that once government is allowed to dictate what speech is offensive or dangerous, all speech is threatened. They wrote the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution so that the government would not be allowed to make a law that limits the right to free speech.

Besides being a direct attack on the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, Arrington's censorship amendment is an insult to the people of Colorado. It says that we are incapable of making our own decisions about what we can read, see and hear--that we need Big Brother to tell us what's okay.

In addition, the last time we checked, state government does not exist to be a rubber stamp for the federal government. We believe that Coloradans are perfectly capable of deciding for ourselves what is or is not constitutional under our own laws.

There are few encouraging signs. Some of the original supporters of this measure have decided they were misled and have asked Arrington to remove their names from his list of backers. The ACLU of Colorado sincerely hopes that once this initiative is exposed to the bright light of truth, the voters will defeat it at the polls this fall.

(Nancy Solomon is the Public Information Director for the ACLU of Colorado. James H. Joy is the Executive Director. They invite you to join the ACLU of Colorado to defend and protect the individual constitutional rights of all Coloradans through education, litigation and legislation. Individual memberships are $20, joint memberships for $30, and limited income memberships are only $5. ACLU of Colorado, 400 Corona Street, Denver, CO 80218 1-303-777-5482 Fax: 303-777-1773.)

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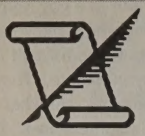

A monthly column to answer your questions about where your life is going....

Dear Dyke,

I have fallen in love with someone of the same sex. This is different - different from how I was brought up, different from my role models, different from my friends.

I have never felt this way before, but I cannot deny this feeling. At 36, I've matured beyond infatuation. I know the difference and this is love. I've had relations with the opposite sex in the past but nothing ever clicked, something was missing, until ...

I've never touched anyone intimately whose body was like mine before, but now that's all I think about, dream about.

Where do I go from here?

Lost and in Love.

Dear Lost,

First of all, take care of yourself. Give yourself the time and space you need to become more comfortable with these new feelings. If you have a spiritual affiliation, seek out someone you trust and talk to them. Also, seek out information and support from Gay and Gay-supportive organizations such as the Gay and Lesbian Community Center (PPGLCC).

Second, contact P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). They will provide you with the loving, supportive family environment you need right now and they will offer direction as you sort through these exciting yet uncertain feelings.

And remember - you are the same person now as you were before you fell in love; a valued, important human being. Rejoice in the love you feel and know that it isn't so important who we love, but that we love. It is what separates us from other life forms and gives meaning to our lives.

Know how truly blessed you are to love that deeply; revel in it and own that love, it belongs to you.

(Dear Dyke "listeners" are not psychologists or analysts. We are caring Gay people who want to offer a forum and a point of view that perhaps you may not have thought of before. If you would like to send a letter to Dear Dyke, please mail it to: Ground Zero Newsletter, P.O. Box 1982, Colorado Springs, Co. 80901. All letters are confidential.)

JUST FOR FUN!

GZ IMPLICATED IN FOUNTAIN TIRE FIRE

In a joint press release, Kevin Tebedo, Vince D'Acchioli, Will Perkins, Amy Stephens, Cheryl Gillaspie, and Dr. James Dobson have indicated that they have undocumented proof that homosexuals and, specifically, Ground Zero, are unquestionably responsible for the burning tires that blackened the sky in Fountain.

According to Ed Bircham, Press Secretary for the Ad Hoc Committee to Accuse Queers of Everything (AHCTAQOE), Dr. Paul Cameron has just issued an independent and extremely scientific study confirming that homosexuals have a propensity for setting tires on fire. "Their [homo's] perversions have no bounds," chortled Cameron. Bircham continued that similar research at the completely fair and neutral Family Research Council has confirmed this homosexual trait.

In a statement, Pat Robertson of CBN pointed to these studies and claims, and immediately decried the growing and continuing menace to society posed by HOMO--SEXUALS. " Where will it all stop?" asked Robertson. " When will America realize that HOMO-SEXUALS are at the root of all evil, cause everything bad and are most likely the cause of thousands upon thousand of children starving everyday around the world. Why there are even indications that HOMO-SEXUALS are building Atomic Bombs for North Korea. If you want to save America, send me more money so we can continue the fight."

Chuck Baker, local "anybody's fair game if it helps my career" commentator, issued an uncharacteristically short statement, saying "I told you so!" You may remember that Chuck Baker has previously revealed that HOMO-SEXUALS were responsible for both the recent earthquakes in San Francisco and Los Angeles, the floods in the great plains and the lack of ice in Colorado Springs, among many other disasters and horrendous happenings. Mr. Baker also recently intimated that Ground Zero may be responsible for the closing of the youth recreation facility in Woodland Park. As usual, Mr. Baker quotes no sources, believing that he is the best source for everything
Fiction----Yes. But a person wiser than I once observed that fact is often stranger than fiction.

-Franklin Whitworth

triangle trivia... *from The First Gay Pope by L.Y. Fletcher*

The first city to officially proclaim a gay pride week was Ann Arbor, Michigan. In 1972, just weeks before passing the nation's first comprehensive gay civil rights law, Ann Arbor's city council officially declared June 19-26 Gay Pride Week, approving 6 to 4 a resolution drafted by the Ann Arbor Gay Liberation Front.

Attack Of The GILLASPIE

Focus on the Family's pocket vote on Council, Cheryl Gillaspie, as reported elsewhere in this newsletter, was recently being particularly viperous to those who dared oppose her or speak out in favor of keeping the Human Relations Commission. When longtime community volunteer, Rita Ague, suggested that members of Council take up some of the slack for massively overworked private agencies operating in disability areas by taken some of those who desperately need help into their own homes, Councilwoman Gillaspie sniped at Mrs. Ague, "How many do you take in at your house?"

Cheryl Gillaspie chose to snipe at the wrong person. Those Coloradans who know Rita are aware of the thousands of hours she devotes to working with physically and mentally disabled citizens, especially children. She is known often to take in those in distress and to spend enormous efforts to help them get back on their feet. She is a true "POINT OF LIGHT" who does much more than mouth "politically correct" statements and walk away thinking she has done something.

Colorado Springs has benefited from Rita's energies and devotion to its often rejected and abused children. Colorado Springs would be a far better place if there were more of her and far less of those who are more concerned with their agendas than real welfare of the community at-large.

We love you Rita! More, though, we are aware that there are hundreds of children who have even more reasons to love you.

THE HIDE & SEEK COMPLEX
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Activities For Pride Day

Sunday, July 17, 1994
Before the Parade Cocktail Party
9 Am = 10:30 Am
Bloody Mary's, Cape Cods, and Screwdrivers

Join the Busses from Denver and the Tavern Guild for a Continental Breakfast Served by U.C.R.S.E.
9Am - 11Am

Sunday Brunch Before, During, and after the Parade

All City Tea Dance at 4Pm

After the Parade Beer Bust 5Pm - 8 Pm
Dart Tournament 6Pm
Pool Tournament 8Pm

Happy Hour Prices ALL DAY until 8Pm

Pride Day Shows at 9Pm and 11Pm
Starring Misty McCrea

Join the Pride Day Celebration at Colorado's Largest Gay Complex
No Cover

Lesbian blasts her dad over anti-gay vote

ATLANTA (AP) June 23-- Opponents of the anti-homosexual resolution in a suburban county won a well -connected ally Wednesday: the lesbian daughter of the county commission chairman who backed the measure.

Shannon Byrne, 24, said she believes the resolution "should be burned."

"This resolution has hurt many people," she said at a news conference. "It has divided people, it has divided business, it has divided my family. It serves no purpose...It sends a message of intolerance."

Bryne, the daughter of Cobb County Commission Chairman Bill Bryne, first spoke out against the resolution in an interview published Wednesday in the *Southern Voice*, a weekly Atlanta gay newspaper.

"My dad and the commissioners...have absolutely no right to condemn us," she told the newspaper.

Bill Bryne, Cobb County's chief elected official, said his daughter's sexual orientation is irrelevant to the debate over the resolution, which he still supports.

"I'm not going to damn her because of it or close her out of my life because of it," he said, "but the gay lifestyle, as a lifestyle, I cannot, will not and do not condone."

The five-member Cobb County Commission last summer approved a resolution saying the homosexual lifestyle violates community standards.

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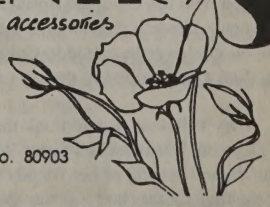

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The HRC... What's It All About

The City Council, ever its predictable self, voted to suspend the Human Relations Commission for up to six months while they study it. While not particularly disagreeing with the premise that it should be reevaluated, many who attended the City Council meeting felt that it should not be suspended and others felt it should be suspended for a shorter period of time.

The Agendas for the day were almost solidly those of Councilperson Cheryl Gillaspie and Kevin Tebedo. It was obvious that kindred spirits had planned out their docket by flitting back and forth between them.

Ms. Gillaspie was particularly vicious and attacked just about everyone, accusing Leon Young and Councilperson Mary Lou Makepeace of having an agenda (and she knew what it was) because they dared disagree with her. When talking to those who believed that the Human Relations Commission should continue and be strengthened, Ms. Gillaspie snarled much more than she spoke.

Kevin Tebedo took issue with Vice Mayor Young's statement that this was not about Gay Rights. In the particular tunnel vision view that he, and those of his ilk, display that would lead one to believe that all the ills of the world are the fault of Gays and Lesbians, Kevin determined that all of the Human Relations ills were because of Ground Zero. In fact, I'm not sure, but I think he thinks we control the city. The fact that we have never won a vote and never have been successful in any issue before council seems to have nothing to do with it.

It was Ground Zero's fault that Vince D'Acchioli demonstrated his prejudices at a Human Relations Commission meeting and defamed Ground Zero. The truth is, we at Ground Zero are so use to the rhetoric of intolerance and stereotyping that comes out of the mouths of the radical right that we hardly listen anymore.

The issue that upset the Colorado Springs Minority Coalition, and many others who are not members of the Coalition, was the statement by D'Acchioli that members of social justice and civil rights groups are the real gang threats to America and that they should be ignored by the Commission. Then, to emphasize this, he and his element, all of whom have work diligently for the end of the Commission, maneuvered the Commission to vote to limit who the Commissioners could speak to and, specifically, denied the chair the right to continue dialogue with the Colorado Springs Minority Coalition. Their argument: Council did not intend for the Commission to relate with all groups represented in Colorado Springs but just to a specified approved list of groups.

They still want you to think that the whole blowup was led by Gays but it was indeed Sister Waverly Brown, Pulpit Rock Church, and several of her friends who, with tears in their eyes for the tragedy that had just transpired, formed the circle and sang WE SHALL OVERCOME. Many of us, some Gay but, overwhelmingly, non-Gay, from seventeen different groups and organizations, joined in.

The truth of this whole trumped up affair is that the "Four Horsemen" that led this charge are part of a national agenda that attacks all Human Relations Commissions and Ordinances, with or without Sexual Orientation included, and are part and parcel of the same people that defeated the Human Relations Ordinance in 1991--WITHOUT SEXUAL ORIENTATION, disemboweling the Human Relations Commission and setting it up for its ultimate demise.

Politicized fundamentalists oppose "multi-culturalism". They believe in one nation, one culture, one religion, one language, etc. At the CURE Rally last year, Yolanda King, daughter of Martin Luther King, Jr., pointed out that those who oppose multi-culturalism are the same as those who opposed integration and supported segregation. Ms. King identified the three enemies to human and civil rights, usually the same people, as sexists, racists and homophobes. Indeed, many believe that the objective of the radical right is to establish, de facto or de jure, a theocratic form of government in the United States.

Vince D'Acchioli, Human Relations Commissioner extraordinaire, made an interesting statement a short time ago to one of the co-commissioners. Mr. D'Acchioli stated that if it was up to him he would be teaching Christianity to all public school children. This seems a remarkable statement to be made to the Jewish Commissioner, who wondered what his children would be forced to learn or do to fulfill D'Acchioli's agenda.

In a final thrust, Kevin Tebedo, obviously not happy with the direction Council was headed, noted that Council members would be receiving a lot of postcards and phone calls in the near future. Mr. Tebedo said that you [Council] had responded to this in the past, maybe you will again.

As he was leaving, Tebedo was heard to say that "we'll see how far they [Council] get in trying to keep the Commission by the time we get through with them."

Want to express your opinion to City Council via post card, telephone or fax. Here's all you need:

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* Vice Mayor Leon Young, 415 S. Weber Street #5, Cos CO, 80903; phone (H) 633-154, (W) 633-2621

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Conversation With KEVIN

by Franklin Whitworth

From time to time, your office staff is graced with a call from Colorado for Family Values' Director Kevin Tebedo. Such was the case in June. This particular call was especially interesting because of its length and the wide variety of subjects.

First, and foremost, I have to admit something. I actually agreed, in part, with one of Kevin's observations. He pointed out a quote attributed to me in the Gazette Telegraph in regard to my position that we will not tolerate returning to a nation dominated by White Christian Males. In truth, the way the quote came out, it could be interpreted by some who did not read carefully the rest of the article that I was attacking the entire classification, WHITE CHRISTIAN MALE.

Not so, Kevin. And I apologize for this misunderstanding. Nor, Kevin, was I attacking a religious aspect. My point, and I continue to support it, is that the nation suffers from a tunnelvision that is dictated by domination, in almost all aspects of life, by White Christian Males.

Now, that doesn't say that White Christian Males are all bad. It does say that domination by that element or, for that matter, any one element of society, leads to very provincial developments. Historically, in addition, it permitted some elements of the White Christian Male power structure to oppress certain elements of society and to be more concerned with White Christian Male issues.

During the several hundreds of years of unchallenged White Male domination of America, at various times and in various places, just about everyone but White Christian Males suffered oppression, slavery, discrimination, segregation and felt the effects of bigotry. Representation that recognizes all areas of America's diversity is less likely to fall into the trap of a monocular vision of priorities.

Today, we are far from perfect and there is still an overabundance of White Males controlling the reins of government and the economy, but it is certainly not as bad as it use to be. There is a legitimate fear, however, that those elements of White Christian Males who want and need to control and/or those White Christian Males who misuse their Christianity to suppress, discriminate and exclude are seeking to reassert their control on America. This seems to be most prominent in a politicized segment of Fundamentalism.

This is not intended to condemn all Fundamentalists as fitting either both or either of these types. Neither is it an attack on religion. It is a political observation. As I mentioned to Kevin, there is in my view an element of the Fundamentalist movement who wrap themselves in the cloak of the Prince of Peace to shield themselves from criticism. When their political agenda is attacked, they cry out foul--"YOU'RE ATTACKING MY RELIGIOUS FAITH."

I believe that the overwhelming majority of WHITE CHRISTIAN MALES do not want America to return to that previous period and I believe that most believe power sharing is far more productive for America. I am from a Christian family, with two brothers and a father who are White Christian Males. The overwhelming majority of my male friends are white Christian males. In the City of Colorado Springs, there are uncounted numbers of white Christian males, mainstream and Fundamentalists, who do not seem to use their religion for political purposes.

More interesting in my conversation with Kevin was when he took exception to my use of the phrase, "will not tolerate." "Does this mean," Kevin asked, "that you are intolerant?" There seems to be a never ending approach by the Right that depends more on semantic manipulation than on reason.

Yes, I am intolerant. I am intolerant of extreme hot and cold; I am intolerant of bee stings; I am intolerant of those who abuse children; I am intolerant of being killed; I am intolerant of those who would take away my rights and other's rights and impose their will on society at large and I am intolerant of those who exist to oppress and take advantage of others.

There seems to be a confusion of the types of intolerance mentioned above with the word "intolerance", defined by American Heritage Dictionary, as meaning "bigoted." In truth, if I were in a society or group of people who oppress, discriminate and exclude others from society, and because I cannot tolerate them, one could say I am a bigot in regard to the norm of acceptance in their societal group. In common usage, however, this is not the "understood" use of the word.

Kevin asked if I thought we would ever be able to sit at one table and come to any understandings. My reply, "If the Palestinians and the Jews can, I have to believe we could." This comment brought an immediate response that I thought rather defined the entire parameters that have been set up that prevents sitting at the same table.

Kevin replied that Palestinians and Jews are recognized nationalities. I replied that my point was not whether or not CFV or Ground Zero were "recognized" or "approved". My point was that if these two groups could sit down together and come to some understanding, there was an outside chance that CFV and Ground Zero could do the same. On reflection, however, it has occurred to me that religious fundamentalists for years, on both sides of the issue in Palestine, prevented any progress for peace, so blinded are they by dogma.

And finally, I now know for sure that, by Kevin's standard anyway, I am a militant homosexual. This is a badge I wear with honor because I will militantly seek civil rights for Homosexuals just as militantly as I have been devoted to civil rights for all people since the late fifties.

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Kevin told me that the reason he fought the "gay agenda" was because he thought homosexuals to be a threat to America. It occurred to me that I view his particular brand of "politicized" fundamentalism, exclusion and discrimination, as a threat to America. That is the difference between us. I am not trying to deny Kevin and his friends, equal rights, inclusion and a voice in government and society. And, I am not trying to deny Kevin's right to be--and indeed--his right to be different.

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COLORADO SPRINGS PRIDEFEST 1994

Friday, July 15 7PM FILMFEST DAY ONE special guest, Director Kermit Cole
Showing "Green on Thursday" and "Living Proof" $10 Palmer High Auditorium

Saturday, July 16 NOON PRO-FAMILY RALLY: DELIVERING A MESSAGE TO FOCUS
Theme: *Love makes A Family* FOCUS ON THE FAMILY BUILDING GZ/MCC Among Sponsors
Led by Mel White, Michael Bussee and Jose Zuniga.
2PM Family Picnic Monument Valley Park PPGLCC Sponsor
7PM FILMFEST DAY TWO Special guests, Mel White, Michael Bussee and Jose Zuniga
Showing "One Nation Under God," discussion and questions follow $10 Palmer High Audit.
9PM RECEPTION FOR HONORED GUESTS OF PRIDEFEST, $8
Music, Food and Beverage, opportunity to meet Mel White, Michael Bussee, others. Gates Common Rm., CC

Sunday, July 17 NOON PRIDEFEST PARADE AND RALLY gather at corner of Cache La Poudre and Nevada
MCC Reception 4PM Service 5PM Mel Rev. White guest and officiating

Monday, July 18 QUEER DAY IN CRIPPLE CREEK Bus trip to the gambling mecca of Colo.

MEL WHITE

Resume of an amazing man

On Gay Pride Sunday, June 27, 1993, Dr. Mel White was installed Dean of the Cathedral of Hope, UFMCC in Dallas, Texas, with 1,200 members and 5,000 congregants, the nation's largest gay-lesbian congregation.

In the weeks that followed Mel's story was featured in the Los Angeles Times, the Washington Post, and in newspapers across the nation. He was interviewed on dozens of radio shows and TV Broadcasts including "Larry King Live", National Public Radio and the BBC. Morley Safer just completed interviewing Mel for a "Sixty Minutes" feature.

In April, 1994, Simon&Schuster will release Dr. White's Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian In America. In this moving autobiography, Mel White comes out of the closet to confront the homophobia of his old clients on the religious right and to launch his own fight for justice and understanding for gay and lesbian Americans.

Besides serving the church as a pastor and a seminary professor, Mel White has been an author, journalist, film maker, television producer and communications consultant.

While completing his B. A. degree at Warner Pacific College (1962) and his M. A. degree in communication at the University of Portland (1963), Mel produced and hosted a weekly NBC television series, "The World Of Youth" (1959-1966). While working on his Ph . D in communications and film at U.S.C., Mel won a Rockefeller grant to begin a doctorate in religious studies as well.

In 1965 Mel founded Mel White Productions, Inc. and in the next twenty years produce 53 prize-winning motion pictures and television documentaries, including:

"In the Presence of My Enemies"--the story of Howard Rutledge, an Air Force pilot and a senior p.o.w in Vietnam who survived 7 years in solitary confinement (also Mel's first best-selling book);

"Though I Walk Through the Valley"--the last year in the life of Tony Brouwer, a terminal cancer patient with special focus on the Brouwer family's amazing ability to cope with death and dying;

"Deceived, the Jonestown Tragedy"--six months with the survivors and victims of Jim Jones' Peoples Temple seeking to uncover the difference between authenic, healthy spirituality and cultic practice (also a best-selling book with Fleming Revell).

After post-graduate studies in communications at U.S.C., U.C.L.A., and Harvard, Dr. White was invited to write a syndicate column using motion picture and television reviews to explore the spiritual side of modern media ("Eternity and Faith at Work magazines).

Mel's second book, the best-selleer Tested by Fire, was the life of Merrill Womach, a successful Spokane, Washington, businessman and entertainer who was burned and badly disfigured in a plane crash. The book documents the sources of one person"s strength in a time of physical and psychological suffering. (Mel's documentary film, "Tested by Fire," won a dozen American film festivals and has been used widely by local PBS affiliates as a Christmas or Easter special.)

Since 1972, Dr. Mel White has written 16 books, 9 of them best-sellers including David, the story of David Rothenberg who was burned by his father (a 1988 NBC movie of the week with Bernadette Peters" and A Gift of Hope: The Tony Melendez Story, a July, 1989, HarperCollins Release, condensed in the June, 1989, issue of Reader's Digest.

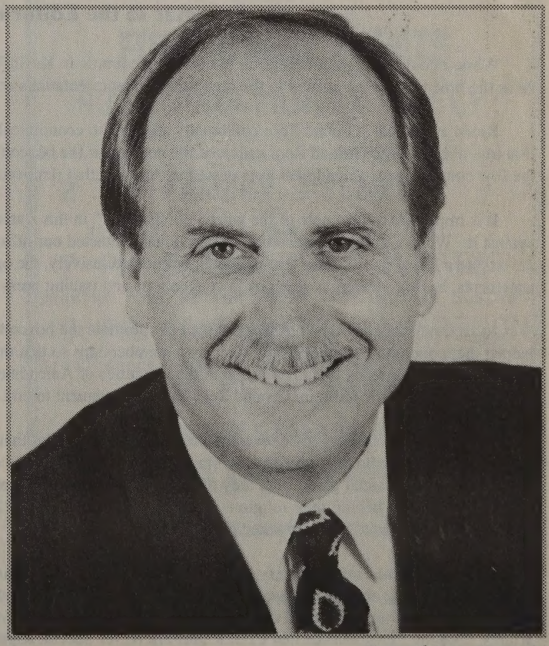
As a communications consultant, Mel has ghost-written books and speeches for dozens of celebrities, business executives, political and spiritual leaders from Mike Douglas to Ollie North. He has ghost-written sixteen books for religious celebrities including Billy Graham (Approaching Hoofbeats), Jerry Falwell (Strength for the Journey) and Pat Robertson (America's Date with Destiny).

Dr. White served both Warner Bros. ("The Mission") and Universal Studios ("Cry Freedom") as marketing and special outreach consultant, writing and designing education curricula, study guides, public relation and promotion copy. Mel has written curricula and study guides for dozens of individual films including "On Line...", a value curriculum for junior high students for Broadman Press.

From the beginning of his career in media (electronic and print) Mel White has searched for stories that would inspire and inform the struggle to be human. He directed two documentary film crews in Vietnam during the last two years of the war, trying to document the spiritual dimension of that war on those who were its victims.

Mel has produced and directed television special in Africa, Asia, South and Central America. His book, Margaret of Molokai, is the story of the last leper to leave the Kalaupapa peninsula and a fascinating analogy for the current AIDS crisis. Mel's Aquino (WORD BOOKS, 1989) is the biography of Ninoy and Cory Aquino, the martyr and the president, and the amazing spiritual story of the People's Revolution in the Philippines.

Mel ghost-writes celebrity pieces for the Reader's Digest including March 93, "Mason-Dixon Memory," March 92, "Rescue by Radio"' July 91, "Unforgettable Bob Barr", June 90, "Unforgettable Jane Edna Hill."



ONE NATION UNDER GOD

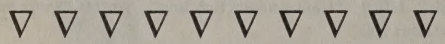
Michael Bussee to Visit Springs

Can one's sexual orientation be changed from gay to straight? With the growth of movements that believe it's both desirable and possible to go from homosexual to heterosexual, ONE NATION UNDER GOD examines the social and cultural factors that have led some lesbians and gay men to seek a" cure" for their sexual orientation.

Filmmakers Teodoro Maniaci and Francine Rzeznik's lively and informative documentary will be shown on Saturday, July 16 at 7 PM at Palmer High School as a part of the Colorado Springs PrideFEST 94 Film Festival with proceeds going to Ground Zero. ONE NATION UNDER GOD offers a rare glimpse into the history of this emotional debate within the church and psychiatric community and poses some thoughtful question on why lesbians and gay men are being asked to change.

The film pays particular attention to Exodus International, a network of organizations, agencies and ministries at the forefront of the "ex-gay" movement. Filmmakers Maniaci and Rzeznik were afforded open access to the organizations 15th annual convention in San Antonio, where Exodus president Sy Rogers describes the groups efforts toward "homosexual recovery." Says Rogers: "Many of the people we work with feel either a moral conviction and/or a lack of satisfaction after having been involved in homosexuality for a number of years.'

Countering Rogers are Michael Bussee and Gary Cooper. Both were among the founders of Exodus, they served as national spokesmen for the organization until they realized they had fallen in love with each other and denounced the group's tactics. Their entertaining insights into what it means to be gay and "ex-gay" from the narrative thread of ONE NATION UNDER GOD.



SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

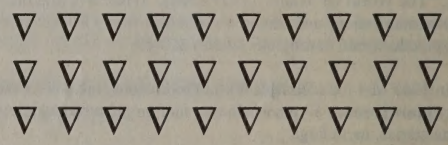
The Story of a Gay American Patriot JOSE ZUNIGA

At the age of twenty-three, Army Sgt. Jose Zuniga was already a veteran of the Gulf War. He was highly decorated for his exemplary service both as a combat medic and as a leading military journalist. In March of 1993, the Army bestowed one of its most coveted honors on Sergeant Zuniga, pronouncing him Soldier of the Year. Just six weeks later, Zuniga rocked the national and saw his stellar career come to an abrupt end: he revealed that he was gay.

Jose has just completed his soon to be released book, SOLDIER OF THE YEAR, that picks ups where Randy Stilts best selling CONDUCT UNBECOMING left off. SOLDIER OF THE YEAR is an intensively candid, poignant account of the homophobia and hypocrisy that pervade the American military.

Jose Zuniga will join Michael Bussee and Mel White at the showing of ONE NATION UNDER GOD, at the PRO FAMILY RALLY at noon the same day and at a reception that night, following ONE NATION UNDER GOD, at 9 PM in the Gates Common Room (Palmer Hall) at Colorado College. The reception is to give the community to meet all of the honored guest of the PrideFEST Weekend. Food, beverage and entertainment will be provided. Tickets and information are available from Ground Zero (719-635-6086.)

Jose is being co-sponsored by Ground Zero and LaGuia during his stay. He will be Grand Marshal for the PrideFEST 94 Parade and Rally on the Sunday the 17th.



Letter to the Editor of *The Gazette Telegraph*

While I could take great exception to most of the prattle in Kevin Tebedo's commentary on Multi-culturalism, and I certainly hope someone takes the time to write an answer to the numerous misrepresentations contained therein, I will note only one.

Kevin states that "Ground Zero continually attempts to economically sabotage our city and state for not voting their way on Amendment 2." It is true that IN 1992 Ground Zero endorsed the concept of the boycott as "one" way to send a message of upset over the passage of the first constitutional amendment ever passed in America that removed people from viable access to all three branches of government.

It is important to take note of the words "ONE WAY" in this statement. Ground Zero never worked ACTIVELY on behalf of the boycott, or against it. When a group, organization or individual contacted our office in regard Amendment two and asked what they should do, Ground Zero gave them a list of possibilities that included, but not exclusively, the option of boycott. Other options included writing letters, making public statements, having awareness sessions in conventions and issuing press releases.

In fact, not only did Ground Zero not actively promote the boycott and other economic sanctions, in the case of at least two conventions, we helped them overcome obstacles with their own memberships so that they could come here by writing letters about other efforts the convention organizers were pursuing to call attention to the inequities of Amendment two. Not only that, we also helped a hotel acquire a convention by writing a similar letter. In addition, Ground Zero led the movement to end the boycott.

Ground Zero continues to believe and promote fully the belief that activities such as Amendment 2 are contrary to the constitution and are promoted by those who play on homophobia by developing myths and stereotypes to create fear, mistrust and hate. It is our belief that they do so for political and personal gain. That they often cloak themselves in a religious garb does not mean we attack their religion. We attack the politics that they often hide behind their religion. They try to create a "catch 22" whereby they can attack all they want but, when those attacked respond, it is not the issue that is being attacked but, rather, religion.

Ground Zero has steered a very moderate course in Colorado Springs and around all of the issues. We work through education and community outreach to bring about a change in the attitudes that allowed Amendment 2 to pass. We believe that many, many people have been sold a package of misconceptions and deceit that has led them to misunderstand who and what homosexuals are and about a phrase coined by CFV, Special Rights. Ground Zero believes that Civil Rights are Never Special Rights. It is Ground Zero's task to correct these misconceptions by first identifying them and, second, by identifying ourselves.

A Member Speaks Out...

WHO TRULY WANTS SPECIAL RIGHTS?

By Frank Mosher

Two recent developments serve to illustrate the hypocrisy of the fundamentalist right. Always concerned about " special rights": for homosexuals, these fringe elements now wish to be exempt from some important laws that apply to the rest of society.

The most direct and obvious challenge is the premise that holding churches accountable for ministers' conduct violates the First Amendment by restricting a church's "free exercise of religion". According to this interpretation of the Constitution, telling churches how to "select, assign, supervise and discipline clergy, and how religious organizations may conduct their administration" violates religious freedom.

Thus, while public schools, day care centers, hospitals and other non-religious organizations are responsible for the protection of vulnerable children and adults in their care, these self-proclaimed moral leaders and institutions should not be forced to meet the same requirements.

All this furor erupted when civil lawsuits against abusive clergy began to cost millions. While the churches, particularly the Catholic Church, had piously proclaimed for years that they were doing everything possible to stop sexual misconduct, real change occurred only after huge settlements were awarded. Standards were improved by the power of filthy lucre not moral purity.

As a sidelight it was recently revealed on "60 Minutes" (May 15) that new tactics of intimidation are being used by churches against those who charge clergy with sexual transgressions. These include countersuits, insulting interrogations, snooping through people's records and trash to find embarrassing information and, in one case, suing the parents of one child because they didn't know about the abuse and stop it. Even when the priest in one case pled guilty to child abuse of a 13 year-old girl for two years, the church argued it should not be held responsible for supervising its clergy.

A relate issue is the recent on-going flap over rules for religious harassment in the workplace. Much has been made by the fanatics of the "repressive" measures that wouldn't allow you to wear your simple gold cross or put your bible on your desk. In reality the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's proposals address only conduct that "denigrates or shows hostility or aversion" to someone based on religion, race, color gender, national origin, or disability. The conduct must create an intimidating, offensive or hostile work environment. In the past the Commission has sued employers for NOT permitting people to wear yarmulkes or other religious symbols.

The real objection to the rules is based on proselytizing and politics. Conservative groups want to make sure they can "share their faith" in the workplace. Many religious groups less politically motivated than the extreme right have no problem with the rules. Brent Walker of the Baptist Joint Committee has said, "It's an attempt on the part of some of these groups to make some political hay, to stand up to the godless bureaucracy, to play on some themes that are politically attractive. It is a political issue that plays well." Does this last phrase sound familiar?

These newest arguments taken to their logical conclusion could mean that anything done in the name of religious is permissible. The anti-abortion fanatics have already argued that the new law restricting the blocking of clinics is an infringement of their religious rights! So perhaps is prosecution for killing a doctor who performs abortions or for killing homosexuals if Rev. Pete Peters says its OK. It is absurd to argue that a person's religious beliefs exempt him or her from the laws that protect the rights of others, and that any action in the name of religion is moral or just. Who really wants SPECIAL RIGHTS?

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NOON PRO-FAMILY RALLY:

Delivering a Message to Focus Mel White leads

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9 PM COMMUNITY RECEPTION

Meet honored guests of Pridefest-informally
food, drink and libations

FULL DETAILS MAY BE FOUND ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER

AIDSWATCH '94

The annual battle to ensure that adequate dollars will be available from the federal government to fund necessary the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) AIDS research effort is underway. This year the President has requested a $78 million dollar increase for AIDS research, but once again the request falls far below the professional judgment budget, the budget which reflects scientific needs, submitted by NIH scientists. This year also brings new funding threats as individuals and some of the media promote the myths that the epidemic has peaked and that research is incapable of producing effective therapies. As the U.S. domestic fiscal realities become increasingly difficult, some lobbyists will suggest funding their interest at the expense of others. AIDS funding is far from invulnerable to this attack.

In this highly charged and complex political reality, given an administration that has still not made AIDS a real priority, **your voice and your advocacy are more important that ever.** For the third year in a row Project Inform constituents, along with constituents from AIDS organizations across the country gathered in Washington, D.C. to bring their concerns to elected officials during AIDSWATCH '94.

The importance of this event cannot be underestimated. Washington needs to see and hear the depth of the suffering and the bravery of the response to this life-threatening pandemic as funding decisions are being made. Each year, people living with AIDS, their friends, families, and advocates must counter attempts to minimize HIV/AIDS in the light of other problems this country faces. AIDSWATCH participants have been effective in bringing a clear, strong message to elected officials that HIV and AIDS is a problem confronting all of us. In FY 1994, Ryan White moneys in California were increased due to efforts during AIDSWATCH and a substantial increase in NIH research dollars was protected by AIDSWATCH citizen advocates.

In addition to the critical mission, the experience of AIDSWATCH is empowering and exciting. The event opens with a briefing, which includes interactive skills building or 'lobby training' sessions, to help prepare people for meetings with Congressional representatives or their aides. These Congressional visits establish a firm base for an ongoing relationship between AIDSWATCH participants and their elected officials. Social activities provide a place to meet fellow lobbyists, debrief, share experiences and techniques. Through this event, AIDSWATCH participants invest themselves in the political process and can make a significant difference in the lives of people with HIV.

AIDSWATCH '94 took place on May 22-24. For information on how you can join the continuing grass routes campaigns and receive advance notice of next year's AIDSWATCH event, call Project Inform at (415)558-8669 and ask for Dan Perdios or David Lewis.

Together We Can Have A Voice In Our Future

Project Inform

The Basic Message

- **Learn your options** and line up your support.
- **Get tested**, *anonymously.*
- If positive, **maximize your health**, get a complete physical and full immune health workup and get educated! Learn about your options and consider **antiviral treatment**. For women, also get "gyn" and Pap tests every six months.
- **Monitor CD4+ cells quarterly**, *(no matter how high your count),* charting the trend.
- *If the CD4+ trend is downward or consistently below 500,* **optimize nutrition and consider antivirals** (ideally a combination).
- *If the CD4+ trend stays below 300,* **consider preventive treatment against PCP** (oral drugs if possible). If the count continues to fall below 200, reconsider antiviral therapy if not already on and consider preventive treatments against other opportunistic infections. Learn about drug interactions.
- *If the count stays below 75,* **intensify monitoring,** consider preventive action against MAC/MAI and fungal infections. Learn about other preventive therapies.

It's NEVER too EARLY to take CHARGE of YOUR health!

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Town Meeting # 2

The Value of Public Education in American Society

Wed., July 6, 1994

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Registration
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Town Meeting
8:00 - 8:30 p.m. Reception

Invited Panelists

- Norman Lear
  Founding Chair, People For the American Way
- Lynn Simons
  Regional Director, U.S. Dept. of Educ.
- The Honorable Dottie Wham
  Colorado State Senator
- Becky Brooks
  Colorado Education Assoc., Gov. Rel. Dir.

Town Meeting # 3

Contemporary Assaults on Public Education: Outcome Based Educ., Sex Educ., & Vouchers

Thurs., July 14, 1994

6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Registration
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Town Meeting
9:00 - 9:30 p.m. Reception

Invited Panelists

- Barbara Donovan
  Chairperson, Coalition for Mainstream Educ., Vista, CA
- Bill Comer
  National Education Assoc.
- Maureen Clarry
  Littleton Parent
- Mary Doyen
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WHOSE AGENDA?

Despite the saber rattling and fear inducing rhetoric of the Boys from CFV, their attempts to link the current crisis involving the Human Relations Commission with the much touted "GAY AND LESBIAN AGENDA" are totally unfounded and disingenuous.

To set the record straight, to the best of my knowledge and belief, Gays and Lesbians have not lobbied or encouraged the Human Relations Commission on any Gay related . There is no indication that gays and lesbians have lobbied them on anything. There is one exception that might be construed as lobbying of a sort. When it was learned recently that the HRC had established a committee to study developing and introducing a new Human Rights Ordinance, several gay leaders told the Commission Chair that we knew there was no chance of an ordinance passing that included "sexual orientation" and that they believe that it was more important for the Colorado Springs minority community, and for the City, that there be an effective Civil Rights Ordinance in place to protect as many as possible who are subject to discrimination and wanton prejudices.

While gays and lesbians in the community still believe that "sexual orientation" should be included in the enumerated list (especially in Colorado Springs), these leaders suggested that it not be in order that all of the others who need such coverage in Colorado Springs be afforded that protection.

As a matter of course, Ground Zero has sent an observer to the Human Relations Commission meetings for some time, just as we send observers to many meetings. Never has one spoken to or requested anything of the Commission.

To understand more about the important and real meaning of the activity surrounding the HRC issue, read the article entitled "THE HRC--What's It All About" elsewhere in this issue.

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Quotes To Remember.....

"Gays and lesbians are beaten to death in the streets with increasing frequency in part due to irrational fear of AIDS, but also because hatemongers from comedians to the worst of Christian right sends us the message that homosexuals have no value in our society." *Dan Rather in the New York Post*

"Much ado about nothing: the lesbian kiss and gay wedding episodes of 'Rosanne' and of 'Northern Exposure'. Figure it out, suppression banditos and intolerant zealots, most of America can handle it. We're all just human beings on this crazy bus." *Mike Duffy, reviewing the past TV season, The Denver Post*

GEOGENETICS SYMPOSIUM SLATED AT SMOKEBRUSH

"The Pike Peak region's current rate of growth, while economically positive, is causing enormous stress to both our environment and social institutions." says Ann Oatman-Gardner, coordinator of Geogenetics: The Art of Placemaking, a multidisciplined symposium addressing the issue of growth in the Pikes Peak region. The symposium will focus on how design, planning and community involvement can impact out city's feel, look and quality of life.

Co-sponsors are the Smokebrush Center and The Colorado Springs Independent. Smokebrush will host all events including the July 1 Art Opening and the July 7, 8, 9 symposium. The Independent will publicize the event as well as use it's pages to educate the public on the issues.

Local artists Max Eisele and Tom Leech have created a limited edition art exhibit, hand colored on hand made paper. Available through The Independent, proceeds will benefit the symposium.

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DENVER PRIDEFEST 94 FESTIVAL

The Denver PrideFest '94 Festival is expected to draw 50,000 people this year. For those of you unfamiliar with the PrideFest 94 Celebration, it begins with a two hour Pride Parade in Cheesman and proceeds to Civic Center Park via Colfax Avenue. Civic Center Park lies between the State Capitol building and the Denver City and County building and hosts most of the major festivals held in downtown Denver

The PrideFestival begins at Noon and runs until 6 PM. Parade sponsors provide five hours of various live entertainment and music in the Greek Theater (open air) on the south end of the park. In 1993, over 90 vendors, including organizations, political groups, retail businesses and food and beverage sales participated. The attendee-vendor ratio is one of the highest for any festival in the Rocky Mountain Region and is the best opportunity for exposure to the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual communities in Colorado. Current prediction is that the Fest will host 125-150 vendors at the festival this year. Be sure not to miss it!

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Episcopalians seek welcome for gays

Author: Document 'doesn't take a stand'

(AP) -- After years in the trenches of the sex wars, U.S. Episcopal bishops have drafted a pastoral statement that welcomes gays and lesbians without repudiating traditional church teachings.

In the fourth draft of the proposed document on sexuality, the bishops ask the church to uphold an ideal of lifelong faithful unions for both heterosexual and homosexual couples, and greet gays and lesbians with hospitality rather than hostility.

"As it can be for heterosexual persons, the experience of steadfast love can be for homosexual persons an experience of God," the bishops pastoral said.

At the same time, the document also relates traditional church teaching that sex is reserved for heterosexual marriages and stops short of advocating changes in church law on the issues of gay and lesbian ordinations or the blessing of same-sex unions.

"The document doesn't take a stand one way or the other, basically," said the Rev. Jane Garrett, a member of the drafting committee. "I leaves everything open for a continuation of the dialogue."

But Bishop William Frey, dean of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, said presenting different points of view only reflects the chaos in the church on these issues today.

"The nicest thing I can say is that parts of it remind me of theology by Oprah and Donahue," he said. "In its present form, it would be the most embarrassing document the bishops have ever produced."

Nearly ever major religious group is grappling with the contentious issue of sexuality. The United Church of Christ is the only major Protestant denomination to allow the ordination of sexually active homosexuals.

The Episcopal bishops had decided to bypass the pews in the drafting process by keeping the document confidential until the denomination's General Convention beginning August 24 in Indianapolis.

But the fourth draft of the report was released by Episcopalians United, a conservative group.

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Plans for PrideFest 94 Nearing Completion

Special from Community Vision
by Chris Baka

The summery weather has finally returned and with the sunshine comes one of the greatest events this community has annually: the PrideFest, the Parade, and the Rally! Of course, due to the 25th anniversary of Stonewall and the Gay Games IV in New York City, our celebration of gay pride will occur a bit later this year than last. This only gives us more time to make this year's events bigger and better!

All events will take place this year on the weekend of July 15, 16, and 17.

We will start off the weekend with the first **Colorado Springs Gay Film Festival** on the 15th and 16th. It will be held in the William Palmer High School Auditorium beginning at 6:30 pm on both nights. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 at the door. Films to be featured are "Living Proof," directed by Kermit Cole, which follows the lives of ten men, women and children infected with the HIV virus; "One Nation Under God," directed by Michael Bussee, the story of evangelical minister Rev. Mel White's accepting his true sexual orientation and exposing the radical right ministries' true agenda; and "Green on Thursdays," directed by Dean Bushala, which covers Chicago's gay and lesbian antiviolence movement.

Director Kermit Cole will be a guest speaker at the second evening of the Film Festival. Tickets are available through PPGLCC. Volunteers, about 10 per evening, are still needed for the Film Festival.

The annual **Family Picnic** will be on the Saturday afternoon in Monument Valley Park in the area directly behind the tennis courts, beginning at 2:00 pm. The picnic committee is still looking for a few good volunteers to help with planning and setup. Contact the community center's Helpline for more information on this event.

A **Pre-Parade Rally** will proceed the **Parade and Rally** in Acacia Park. The **Pre-Parade Rally**, scheduled for 10 am until Noon, will feature exciting speakers from local organizations and vendors setup throughout the park. Jocelyn will spin discs, and Albuquerque folkband, "Too Fine Minds" will play for your listening and dancing pleasure. The **Parade and Rally** will begin at 1:00 pm with the same route as last year: organize and begin along Cache la Poudre Street in the two-block stretch between Cascade and Nevada; march down Nevada to Platte, and into Acacia Park. The Rally starts when the Parade ends, about 2:00 pm in the park, although there will be activities continuing from the morning and the vendors' booths. The Rally lasts until 6:00 pm with great entertainment, and many things to see and do in the park.

Souvenir buttons are now available for $3 at the Hide & Seek, the Penthouse, Abaton Books and Abrams Jewelry Design. Profits from all sales will help offset the cost of putting on the Parade and Rally.

The parade committee, like the other committees, still needs more volunteers. To be a part of this event and help with any part of it, contact the community center through the Helpline: 471-4429. Please call the community center to sign up now to make this better than ever!

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Lesbian wins back her son

Judge rules mom's sex life not pertinent

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) June 22-- A lesbian regained custody of her son Tuesday June 21, when a state appeals court ruled that the woman's sex life-although illegal under Virginia law-does not make her an unfit parent.

"A parent's private sexual conduct, even if illegal, does not create a presumption of unfitness," Judge Sam Coleman wrote in the 3-0 decision by a Virginia Court of Appeals panel.

In the case closely watched by gay rights groups, Circuit Judge Buford Parsons last year awarded custody of 2-year old Tyler Doustou to Sharon Bottom's mother because she and her live-in lover engaged in oral sex, a "crime against nature" in Virginia.

At a news conference Tuesday, Sharon Bottoms said she "screamed and cried and was really happy" when she learned of the ruling. Bottoms, 24, said the effort to regain custody of Tyler has been draining, but "he makes it all worth the fight."

Richard Ryder, an attorney for the boy's grandmother, said she will probably appeal to the Virginia Supreme Court. "I think it's a tragedy as far as the boy Tyler is concerned to put him back in that environment," he said.

In his decision, Coleman said a child cannot be taken from a parent "based on proof that the parent is engaged in private, illegal sexual conduct or conduct considered by some to be deviant" unless there is a substantial threat of harm.

Psychologists who testified during the September custody hearing described Tyler as happy and well-adjusted, and Sharon Bottoms as a loving mother. She and the boy's father are divorced, and he has not been involved in raising Tyler.

Paula Ettelbrick, director of public policy for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, praised Tuesday's ruling.

"The court's decision follows what is logical in this particular case and most lesbian custody cases, and that is the unrefuted evidence that sexual orientation does not make a parent unfit," she said.

Walt Barbee, president of the Springfield, Va. based Family Foundation, said of the ruling, "We are witnessing another step in the gradual degradation and deconstruction of American society."

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PASSES GAY RIGHTS RESOLUTION--POPE RESPONDS

Reprinted from the March/April, 1994 Emergency Response Network Newsletter of the IGLHRC

The European Parliament, an advisory body of the European Union (EU) that is made up of elected representatives from all twelve EU member countries, passed a resolution on February 8th that calls on member states to end discriminatory practices against their lesbian and gay citizens. This historic resolution has come under strong criticism by the Vatican. Letters are needed both in support of the recommendations contained in the EU resolution and in protest of the Pope's public sanctioning of anti-lesbian and gay bias.

The resolution was passed by a vote of 159 to 96 and was introduced by Rapporteur Claudia Roth who is a member of the German Green Party. The directive calls on EU countries to ensure equal treatment of Gays in areas of social security, inheritance, and housing; to adopt a common age of consent for heterosexuals and homosexual acts in countries where this is not already the case; to guarantee lesbian and gay couples the right to form registered partnerships with all the full legal rights and benefits of marriage; and to grant gays and lesbians the right to adopt children.

Resolutions adopted by the European Parliament do not have the force of law, but they do send a powerful message to the governments of countries such as the United Kingdom, Greece, Germany, and Luxembourg, where anti-gay discrimination is still codified in national law.

Reaction to the European Parliamentary resolution was not long in coming. On February 22nd, Pope John Paul II made reference to it in his weekly address on St. Peter's Square. He denounced the resolution as "inappropriately conferring an institutional value on deviant behavior." He called on European countries to ignore the resolution.

That same day, the Pope also issued a letter denouncing same sex unions as "a serious threat to the future of the family and society" and said only "heterosexual unions can be recognized as a marriage in society." The 100 page letter, addressed directly to Catholics rather than priests and bishops, also reaffirmed the Church's ban on divorce, abortion and contraception.

Far from presenting merely an internal religious matter, the Pope's statement constitutes a powerful political act that seeks to blur the distinction between secular, democratic, heterogeneous societies and a theocracy. His statements leave little doubt of his intention to muster a bulwark against lesbian and gay emancipation. Respectful letters should be sent to:

*His Holiness Pope John Paul II Vatican City 00187 Rome Italy

*Ms. Claudia Roth, Partei Dei Grunen, Mitglied des Europaparlaments, Bundeshaus D-53090 Bonn, Germany

SANDRA MANN & ERIC SINGER-WATCH OUT! By Frank Mosher

Since when did Kevin and Will (Colorado for Family Values masterminds) become "experts" on social concerns other than how to bash gays and lesbians? In recent weeks, the CFV anchor team has been interviewed by the local TV stations as gurus on the following issues--the PTA resolution on harassment in the schools, the suggested EEOC rules on religious harassment in the workplace, and the Human Relations Commission and Colorado Springs minorities.

Is there any doubt that they would spout anti-gay rhetoric and provide spurious information about gay teens, the schools, and gay suicide? This is news? More alarming is that the news programs didn't bother to ask gay teens or anyone who works with them what their perspective was on the issue.

Since CFV vehemently denies religion is the driving force behind their attacks on gays and lesbians and denies they are a religious group at heart, why are they pontificating on religion in the workplace? As we have heard so many times CFV has a "one string guitar"--virulent homophobia; it is difficult to link this with rules for religious harassment at work. Maybe they should interview some of Will's employees or former employees--that might have been enlightening on this topic.

We now know that, according to CFV, Ground Zero is behind all the problems with the HRC, and that we have taken over the Minority Coalition. It's a wonder we weren't blamed for the fire at the ire dump and the viperous disposition Cheryl Gillaspie exhibited at the City Council meeting.

In any case, though it probably won't change any approaches to "news" coverage in Southern Colorado given the political leanings and personal friendships of the "powers" at least two of the TV stations, it might be nice to let them know we would like to see some else's talking heads besides kindly Will and blathering Kevin.

Phone numbers as follows:

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FOCUS ON THE FAMILY BUILDING NOON JULY 16

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MICHAEL BUSSEE, MEL WHITE AND JOSE ZUNIGA will attend a showing of *"One Nation Under God"* and answer questions after, showing at 7PM (*Tickets $10*). They will also attend a reception thereafter (food, drink, entertainment tickets $ 8) to meet the community. Jose Zuniga is Parade Grand Marshal and will be joined by Mel White and Michael. Bussee in the PRIDE PARADE at NOON on July 17th. They will also speak. As another part of the weekend, on July 15th, the films. "Green on Thursdays" and *"Living Proof* " will be shown at 7PM. Director Kermit Cole will discuss. Tickets are $10. Come for the whole pride weekend. If you need housing or can supply housing to those in need, don't hesitate to contact us. Full information is available from:

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This event is co-sponsored by Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church, Colo. Springs P-FLAG, Ground Zero and La Guia. Other endorsements are solicited.

A LETTER FROM DR. MEL WHITE from the Cathedral of Hope

Dear Friends,

I wanted to write and thank you for your letters of support and encouragement. Stranger at the Gate is doing well and is in its second printing. The response has been very positive.

The publicity generated by "Sixty Minutes," "The Today Show," "Sonya Live," "Larry King," and others has motivated many offers to help. The purpose of this letter is to let you know exactly what you can do to help this ministry.

1. The Cathedral of Hope is trying to get our worship services on Cable Access in over 100 cities this year. If you are willing to be a local "sponsor", that would be great. It is usually a simple matter of you dropping off the tapes of the service at the Cable Companies' office. If you can help with this, please call Valda Lewis at the Cathedral.

2. Secondly, we are trying to establish a national network of cell groups we call "Circles of Hope." These Circles are groups of 8 - 12 people who meet together a couple of times a month to pray and share. If you are interested in getting some of your friends together as a Circle, please call Rev. Irene Travis at the Cathedral for more information.

3. Finally, as with every ministry of the Church, we could use your financial support. Many people think a church like ours is wealthy and has all of the money it needs. Nothing could be further from the truth. Like any other organization serving our community in this day of AIDS, our resources have been strained to their limits. You help would be greatly appreciated.

Whatever your involvement, we hope you will pray for us. Rev. Michael Piazza, the Senior Pastor of the Cathedral of Hope, has repeatedly declared that our church will not rest until we have shared the good news of God's love with every gay and lesbian person in America. This is a huge task, but if we are to change how others feel about us, we must begin by changing how lesbian and gay people feel about themselves.

We must loudly, consistently, and persistently proclaim the truth that God's love is no respecter of sexual orientation. That is the only antidote to the homo-hatred being spread by the religious right. Please believe the good news, share the good news, and pray for us as we proclaim the good news to all the world.

May God bless you in your faith and on your journey.

(The Cathedral of Hope is a Metropolitan Community Church, 5910 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas, Texas 75235, P.O. Box 35466, Dallas, Taxes 75235, 214-351-1901, fax 214-351-6099.)

Dr. White will be celebrating Pride Weekend with us .... He will be marching in the ProFamily Rally to deliver a personal message to Dr. Dobson and will also be a Special Guest at the FilmFest showing of "One Nation Under God."

JULY 15, 16, 17 COLORADO SPRINGS PRIDE WEEKEND

JULY 15, FRIDAY

***FILMFEST DAY ONE, 7PM, Palmer High Auditorium.** Special Guest, Director Kermit Cole. Showing "Green on Thursday" and "Living Proof". Cost is $10.

JULY 16, SUPER SATURDAY

***PRO-FAMILY RALLY, NOON, Focus Building.** Take I-25 exit (north of Colorado Springs), turn east.

***FAMILY PICNIC, 2PM, MONUMENT VALLEY PARK, below the Fine Arts Center.** This will be a Bring-Your-Own-Brown-Bag Picnic.

***FILMFEST DAY TWO, 7PM, Palmer High Auditorium.** Special Guests, Mel White and Michael Bussee. Showing "One Nation Under God". Cost is $10.

***COMMUNITY RECEPTION 9PM, For the Honored Guests of Pridefest.** The Reception will be held in the Gates Common Room, Palmer Hall, Colorado College. Music, food, and beverage and a wonderful opprotunity to meet Our Honored Guests. Cost is $8.

JULY 17, SUNDAY

***PRE-RALLY IN ACACIA PARK, 10am-NOON.** Exciting Speakers from all of Your local organizations will share their thoughts. Jocelyn will spin discs, and Albuquerque folkband, "Too Fine Minds" will play for your listening and dancing pleasure. What better warmup for the Parade and Rally to follow!!

***COLORADO SPRINGS PRIDEFEST PARADE AND RALLY, 1pm until ??** Parade begins at the corner of Cache La Poudre and Nevada proceeding to **ACACIA PARK** for the Rally. Grand Marshal for the Parade will be **Jose Zuniga, U.S. Army Soldier of the Year.** Come share **Your Pride** with **Your Family and Friends!!**

JULY 18, MONDAY, QUEER DAY AT CRIPPLE CREEK, Look for details at the PrideFest.

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JULY 2, SATURDAY, LA GUIA Steering Committee Meeting, 6PM,.

JULY 2 and 16, SATURDAYS, DIGNITY/Southern Colorado MASS at SACRED HEART, 7PM.

JULY 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, SUNDAYS, Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church Service, 5PM, 730 N. Tejon. Call xxx-xxxx for information.

JULY 7, 8, 9, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, SYMPOSIUM -- GEOGENTICS:THE ART OF PLACEMAKING. Reservations are recommended, 475-8568 or 577-4545.

JULY 9, SATURDAY, SOUTHERN COLORADO AIDS PROJECT (SCAP), will hold a **GARAGE SALE 9AM TO 4PM** at the vacant lot on the northeast corner of Cascade and Moreno Streets, next to Foree Wholesale Tire Distributors, (523 S. Cascade Ave).

JULY 10, SUNDAY, DENVER PRIDEFEST '94 FESTIVAL, CIVIC CENTER PARK, Noon until 6pm. TheCelebration begins with a two hour PrideParade Cheesman and proceeding to Civic Center Park via Colfax Avenue for live entertainment, music, and a wide assortment of vendors.

JULY 12, TUESDAY, GROUND ZERO'S "OUT SERIES" presents **"SACRED LIES/CIVIL TRUTHS", 9PM** on **COLORADO SPRINGS CABLEVISION CHANNEL 9.**

JULY 13, WEDNESDAY, P-FLAG Meeting, call 575-8658 for details.

JULY 15, 16, 17 COLORADO SPRINGS PRIDE WEEKEND

See previous page for the latest on Pride Weekend Events.

JULY 18, MONDAY, QUEER DAY AT CRIPPLE CREEK, Look for details at the PrideFest.

JULY 21, THURSDAY, DIGNITY/Southern Colorado SUPPORT GROUPS MEETING AT SACRED HEART, ROOM 9 - WHAT TIME???????

JULY 30, SATURDAY, DIGNITY/Southern Colorado MASS IN PUEBLO, 7PM

AUGUST 9 - 14, TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, TWO SPIRIT GATHERING, LAWRENCE, KANSAS. This is an event for Native American Gays and Lesbians, their families and friends. It is a gathering for Two Spirited People, not an educational forum for non-Native people. For more information, contact Jay T. Johnson, P.O. Box 442048, Lawrence, Kansas 66044, 913-749-0642.

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